

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SB131-DOA-DRM-4-21-22
Title: WORKERS' COMP DISABILITY FOR
FIREFIGHTERS
Sponsor: HOLLAND
Requester: (H) L&C

Department: Department of Administration
Appropriation: Risk Management
Allocation: Risk Management
OMB Component Number: 71

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2023 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2023 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Personal Services	***		***	***	***	***	***
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2022) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2023) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This proposed legislation would cause a financial impact to the Division of Risk Management (RM).

RM currently does not have any claims submitted or denied for any state firefighters relating to the cancers outlined in this bill. All of these are chronic diseases that often have genetic and lifestyle choices as their cause. It is currently up to the employer to demonstrate if a claim is work related. Claims for these cancers are currently covered by workers' compensation if they are indeed work related. The addition of these cancers as a strict presumption creates the potential for claims to be covered even if they are not work related.

Should the additional cancers be added to the presumptive cancers for firefighters, costs will increase. In addition, this bill would increase death compensation costs as a continued benefit for dependents of firefighters should they become deceased due to the additional presumptive cancers.

Average Cost to Treat:

Skin Cancer \$1,732 - \$56,059 (nih.gov)

Breast Cancer \$20,000 - \$100,000 (webmd.com)

Cervical Cancer \$79,000 - \$118,000 (cdc.gov)

Testicular Cancer \$7,686 - \$51,592 (nih.gov)

Mesothelioma \$11,000/Mo. \$30,000 - \$62,408 ea. Hospital Visit (mesothelioma.net)

Multiple Myeloma \$74,000 - \$256,000 (webmd.com)

Colon Cancer \$40,000 - \$80,000 (verywellhealth.com)

Thyroid Cancer \$20,000 - \$40,000 (costhelper.com)

RM's budget authority is based on inter-agency billing to other departments. The additional cost enabled by this legislation will result in increased RM charges to other agencies. The Division does not have sufficient data on State of Alaska firefighters to support or calculate the financial impact of cancers on firefighters.

RM cannot determine the frequency or severity of these claims, and therefore submits an indeterminate fiscal note.